

SUBSTITUTE PTO/SB/21 (02-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/672,225	
	Filing Date	September 26, 2003	
	First Named Inventor	Ivan Alferiev	
	Art Unit	1641	
	Examiner Name	Not Yet Known	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	4	Attorney Docket Number	T1118/20074

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (In duplicate)	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance communication to Technology Center (TC)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	PTO Form 1449 with copy of references
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application	Remarks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		
<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment and Cover Sheet		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	Caesar, Rivise, Bernstein, Cohen & Pokotilow, Lt.d Customer No. 03000 Marina E. Volin, Reg. No. 52,328
Signature	<i>Marina E. Volin</i>
Date	April 20, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.			
Typed or printed name	Marina E. Volin		
Signature	<i>Marina E. Volin</i>	Date	April 20, 2004

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION

First Named Inventor: ALFERIEV, IVAN

Serial No: 10/672,225

Group Art Unit: 1641

Filed: September 26, 2003

Examiner: Not Yet Known

Att. Docket No.: T1118/20074

Confirmation No.: 2873

For: METHOD OF DETERMINING SURFACE BINDING CAPACITY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. No representation is made that the reference(s) is/are prior art with respect to this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a CPA under 37 CFR § 1.53(d), within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.491 in an international application, before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of an RCE under 37 CFR § 1.114. No certification or fee is required. 37 CFR § 1.97(b).

Two References cited in this Information Disclosure Statement are U.S. 5,073,575 and U.S. 5,134,035.

Application No. 10/672,225

Information Disclosure Statement Dated April 20, 2004

The remaining references cited herein were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement dated January 20, 2004. Thus, copies of these references are not attached.

Respectfully submitted,

CAESAR, RIVISE, BERNSTEIN,
COHEN & POKOTILOW, LTD.

April 20, 2004

By Marina E. Volin

Marina E. Volin

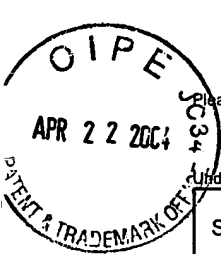
Registration No. 52,328

Customer No. 03000

(215) 567-2010

Attorneys for Applicant(s)

Please charge or credit our Account
No. 03-0075 as necessary to effect
entry and/or ensure consideration of
this submission.



Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box ☒

Substitute for PTO/SB/O8A (08-00)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheet as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/672,225
Filing Date	September 26, 2003
First Named Inventor	Ivan Alferiev
Group Art Unit	1641
Examiner Name	Not Yet Known
Attorney Docket Number	T1118/20074

Sheet 1 of 1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY
		Number	Kind Code (if known)		
		5,073,575		Blanch et al.	12-17-91
		5,134,035		Kumar et al.	7-28-92
		6,320,011	B1	Levy et al.	11-20-2001
		10/672,892		Alferiev, et al.	09-26-2003
		10/672,225		Alferiev, et al.	09-26-2003

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	T
		Office	Number	Kind Code (if known)			

OTHER DOCUMENTS - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T
		PHANEUF, M.D. et al., "Covalent Linkage of Recombinant Hirudin to a Novel Ionic Poly (Carbonate) Urethane Polymer with Protein Binding Sites: Determination of Surface Antithrombin Activity", Artif. Organs 1998; 22:657-65	
		HUANG L.L.H. et al., "Comparison of Epoxides on Grafting Collagen to Polyurethane and Their Effects on Cellular Growth", J. Biomed. Mater. Res. 1998; 39:630-6	
		LINCOFF et al., J.Am. Coll. Cardiol., 29, 808.16 (1997)	

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

*Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP § 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.